Students in science education

†1968. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that students in the country are losing their interest and inclination towards science education, day-by-day;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have received a representation from Rao Committee in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that in order to face the challenges in future, the need to increase ten times the existing availability of eminent researchers and Ph. D. degree holders as well as engineers having the degree of Ph.D. is being stressed upon;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Committee constituted for this purpose under the Chairmanship of Prof. M.M. Sharma has submitted its recommendations to Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and Government's view in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) According to information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), as per National Science Survey-2004 there is no decline in interest in proportion of students who wish to study science. Further, as per India Science Report published by Indian National Science Academy (INSA) the annual enrolment at graduate plus level in science subject has risen from 28.8% in 1995-96 to 34.6% in 2004.

(b) No such representation has been received by the Govt.

(c) to (e) A Task Force was constituted by the Government for strengthening basic Scientific Research in universities. In its report, the Task Force has *inter-alia,* recommended creation of 1000 position of Research Scientists at various levels, five fold increase in the number of Ph.Ds from Indian universities within a pan of ten years with proper standards, promotion of formal linkage years with proper standards, promotion of formal linkage between the Universities and national level institutions including the CSIR laboratories through joint research projects and training, inbuilt component of research in post-graduate programmes

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pertaining to Science and Technology, upgradation of infrastructural facilities in universities to promote quality scientific research, and, creation of networking centres in Basic Sciences in leading Departments of Universities to promote collaborative research. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has been directed to implement the recommendations contained in the Report.

Recognition of colleges and courses by NCTE

1969. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Council of Teachers' Education (NCTE) is giving recognition to B.Ed. colleges, even though the concerned State Government has not given no objection certificate;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that National Council of Teachers' Education (NCTE) is not approving M.Ed. courses, even though the concerned State Government has given no objection certificate; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The National Council for Teacher Education gives recognition to institution to start a course(s) in teacher education, including D.ED., B.ED., M.ED., etc. as per the provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993 and NCTE Rules 1997. NCTE also formulates regulations prescribing the procedure for recognition and laying down norms and standards for different teacher education programmes, which are revised from time to time. The NCTE (Recognition of Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2005 provide that a copy of the application submitted by Institutions is sent to the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations. On receipt of the communication forwarding the application the State Government/UT Administration is required to furnish its recommendations within 60 days. The regulations also provide that if the recommendation is negative, the State Government/ UT Administration shall provide detailed reasons/grounds thereof, which could be taken into consideration by the Regional Committee concerned while deciding the application. If no communication is received from the